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GUIANA

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1. RAY PAGAN, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OF US FIRM BUMBLE BEE CO.  
( SUBSIDIARY OF CASTEL AND COOK) INFORMED MISSION OFFICER  
BY TELEPHONE FROM SAN FRANCISCO ON DECEMBER 14 OF  
HIS COMPANY'S INTEREST IN SHRIMP FISHING OFF FRENCH GUIANA.  
PAGAN NOTED THAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM US GOVERNMENT OFFI-  
CIALS THAT AS OF JANUARY 1, 1977 FISHING WITHIN 200 MILES  
OF FRENCH GUIANA WOULD BE GOVERNED BY THE EC COMMISSION AS  
PART OF THE EC COMMON FISHERIES POLICY. HOWEVER, PAGAN  
SAID THAT LOCAL FRENCH OFFICIALS IN FRENCH GUIANA AND GOVERN-  
MENT OFFICIALS IN SURINAM HAD INFORMED HIS COMPANY'S REPRE-  
SENATATIVES THAT FRANCE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSI-  
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BLE FOR FISHING OFF FRENCH GUIANA AND THAT APPLICA-

TIONS FOR FISHING LICENSES HAD TO BE MADE THROUGH THE FRENCH OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT (DEPARTMENT D'OUTRE MER). PAGAN CLAIMED THAT THE FRENCH OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT CONFIRMED THIS TO SURINAM AUTHORITIES THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6 AND TO COMPANY OFFICIALS IN PARIS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY SURINAM AUTHORITIES THAT ONE US COMPANY "KATY" HAD RECEIVED FRENCH AGREEMENT TO OPERATE 50 SHRIMP BOATS OFF FRENCH GUIANA IN 1977. PAGAN ASKED FOR ADVICE.

2. MISSION OFFICER REVIEWED STATEMENT BY EC COMMISSION IN COURSE OF GIFA NEGOTIATIONS (PARA 3 REF A), TO EFFECT THAT FRANCE WOULD EXTEND FISHERY ZONE OFF FRENCH DEPARTMENTS TO 200 MILES AS OF JANUARY 1 AND THAT FISHERIES BY THIRD PARTIES IN THESE EXTENDED WATERS AFTER THAT DATE WOULD BE GOVERNED BY EC COMMON FISHERIES POLICY AND UNDER AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. HE ALSO NOTED THAT IT APPEARED LIKELY THAT EC MIGHT BE WILLING TO PROVIDE SHORT TERM FISHING RIGHTS PENDING CONCLUSION OF SUCH AGREEMENTS AS PART OF ITS INTERIM EXTERNAL FISHERIES POLICY. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT IF OTHER COMPANIES APPEAR TO BE RECEIVING FISHING LICENSES OFF FRENCH GUIANA UPON DIRECT APPLICATION TO FRANCE, PRUDENCE INDICATED THAT BUMBLE BEE CO. MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER SAME COURSE. HE SUGGESTED THAT MR. PAGAN CALL MR. SNEAD OR MR. RYAN OF US GIFA DEL UPON THEIR RETURN TO WASHINGTON DECEMBER 15 OR 16.

3. COMMENT SITUATION IN REGARD TO FRENCH GUIANA COMPLETELY OVERTURNED BY STATEMENT BY EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS LATE DECEMBER 14 THAT FRANCE DOES NOT INTEND TO EXTEND FISHERY ZONE OFF FRENCH GUIANA TO 200 MILES (REF B). THEREFORE MISSION SUGGESTS THAT PAGAN AND OTHER US FISHERY COMPANY OFFICIALS BE ADVISED TO SEEK FISHING LICENSES AS MAY BE REQUIRED OFF FRENCH GUIANA AND OTHER FRENCH DEPARTMENTS NOTED REF A IN CUSTOMARY MANNER. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, UNLESS FRANCE EXTENDS ZONE BEYOND 12 MILES, NO PERMITS REQUIRED EXCEPT FOR OPERATIONS WITHIN 12 MILE LIMIT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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